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 Title: L-AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIUM AND
 METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO ACID

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Please find enclosed:

- ☒ Amendment and Request for Reconsideration: 14 pages.
☒ Petition for Extension of time from the Office Action, mailed July 23, 2004, 1 months to
 November 23, 2004: 1 pages
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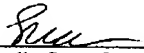
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A one-month extension of time, extending the due date for this response to November 23, 2004 is filed herewith. Favorable re-consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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